

RATION TIMETABLE

Meats and Fats: Brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q in Book Three good through Jan. 1. Stamp R good through Jan. 29. Stamp S good Jan. 2 through Jan. 29.

Processed Foods: Green stamps D, E and F in Book Four good through Jan. 20. Stamps G, H and J will be good Jan. 1 to Feb. 20.

Sugar: "Sugar" stamp 29 in back of Book Four valid to Jan. 15 for five pounds. Do not confuse with stamp 29 in front of Book Four.

Shoes: Aeroplane stamp number one in Book Three valid for one pair indefinitely. Stamp 18 in Book One still valid for an indefinite period, also. To control the black market, loose coupons cannot be accepted except with a mail order.

Fuel Oil: Period One coupons valid to Jan. 4. Period Two coupons valid to Feb. 8. Class four worth 10 gallons, class five worth 50 gallons. Period Three coupons will become valid Jan. 4 to March 14.

Tire Inspection: A-car deadline March 31, B-car deadline and new C-car deadline February 29.

Gasoline: Number 8 stamps in A-Book valid for three gallons through February 8. B and B-1, C and C-1 coupons good for two gallons. Only the new coupons marked B-2 and C-2 are good for five gallons.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

* The success we enjoyed in 1943 is not merely the result of chance. It is the accumulating reward of long years of effort on our part to give the most in quality and service for your money. That policy holds good in 1944, a year which, we hope, will shower many blessings upon you.

BOSSERMAN'S
DRUG STORE



LIKE a worn out old boot we discard the old year, and we voice the hope that 1944 will see many more unpleasant things thrown into the eternal discard. And now, we join our friends in the general rejoicing, and wish you a Very Happy New Year.

Bryant's Market

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The following program was given by pupils of the second grade at the Bethel primary school on Saturday, Dec. 18:

We Welcome You, Russell Nutting
If I Were a Mouse, Joan Bennett
A Better Way, Priscilla Skillings
My Grandma, Paul Fossett
Song, Upon the House, Class
Kerchoo! Frank Flint
Santa's Boy, Roger Wright
Busy Maids, Mary Susan Cutler
Bettyann Butters, Athalia Hall,
Joan Conner

A Christmas Wish, John Hatstat
Lazy Betty, Mary Ann Myers
Selections, Stars and Stripes
Forever, Amaryllis, Rhythm Band
Being Good Before Christmas,

Richard Onofrio
Snata's Whiskers, Robert Blake
Queer Christmas Gifts,

Donna Anderson
Best Way to Come, Robert Rugg
Roanella Cummings, Robert Os-
good, Roy Wermenchuck
A Possibility, Janice Stearns
A Present for Mother,

Nancy Carver
The Popcorn Ball for Me,
Edward Daye

A Present for Santa,
Helen Han Holt
If Santa Should Fall,

Howard Donahue
The Mouse's Christmas Letter,
Edward Gammon

I've Seen Santa, Sonny Kimball
Early Rising, David Flee
Play, Living Christmas Tree, Clas
Last Christmas Wishes,

Arian Jodrey

EAST BETHEL

Richard Houle of West Paris has been pressing hay at the Kimball barn the first of the week.

Malcolm Farwell spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Farwell. Miss Deborah Farwell returned to Farwell & Wights, Bethel Saturday night and will be there the remainder of the school vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauri Tamminen and son David of Cumberland were guests of Mrs. W. S. Hastings Friday night and Saturday. Mrs. Hastings and children accompanied them home to stay several days.

There is still a lot of sickness in this community. In some families all are sick at the same time. In others just one will be sick and then another as the first one gets over the flu. Among those ill now are the Fosters, Leland Coolidge's family, Edgar Coolidge and the Olson children.

Isabel Kimball of West Paris spent Tuesday with Virginia Hastings.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Thurston were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitman and family of Cape Elizabeth, Mrs. Mary Sweeney, Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knight and daughter of Rumford



BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Robert Clement of Boston is visiting his mother, Mrs. Edith Clement.

Francis Gilman of Lovell was the guest of Stanley Davis Tuesday night.

Miss Margaret Hanscom left Wednesday afternoon to go to Ormond Beach, Fla.

Miss Ruby Jewell of Lewiston was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray York.

Miss Mary Gibbs is visiting her brother, Wendell Gibbs, and family at Peabody, Mass.

Wallace Farwell of Lowell, Mass., visited Friday to Sunday with relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Harvey Jones and family of Auburn are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Bean.

Misses Metchel Packard and Virginia Chapman of Augusta were in town for the week end.

Miss Rachel Gordon of Burdett College, Boston, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Ellen Peabody of Akron, Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peabody.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gibbs and daughter Nancy of Peabody, Mass., were week end visitors in town.

Miss Barbara Lyon of Portland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Lyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Saunders visited their daughter, Mrs. Gene Daly of Portland, over the week end.

Mrs. Marjorie Bartlett of Portland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farwell.

There are very many cases of the flu or gripe in the vicinity. Both Dr. Tibbetts and Dr. Twaddle have been ill.

Mrs. Ethel Haselton and Miss Eugenia Haselton are guests of Charles Haselton and family at South Portland.

Miss Mina Stevens of North Newry and Mrs. Marah Webster of Farmington are guests of their sister, Mrs. S. S. Greenleaf.

Miss Mary Tibbetts of the Smith College faculty and Miss Margaret Tibbetts of Bryn Mawr are holiday guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Tibbetts.

In the recent Junior Red Cross campaign the village schools were 100 percent in their contributions and Gould Academy students made a good showing. The fund totalled \$44.45.

Mrs. Ernest Gallant, who has been with her husband on the West Coast, returned home Saturday. She left today for Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Gallant is now stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Mrs. Addie Farwell and family enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chester Cummings, at Hanover. All of Mrs. Farwell's children were present except Mrs. Cora Sherwood, who was ill.

NOTICE

To avoid the possibility of an accident during snow removal the public are urged not to park their cars longer than necessary on the streets and roads, especially at night and during storms.

Road Commissioner

E. L. Greenleaf, optometrist, will not be in Bethel on Saturday, Jan. 1. His next visit here will be on Saturday, Feb. 5.

PARIS FARMERS UNION STORE BURNED SUNDAY

The property of the Paris Farmers Union on Skillings Avenue, So. Paris, was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning with a loss of \$60,000. More than 15 carloads of feed and grain were lost besides much farm equipment.

OUR EXOUSE

A delayed newsprint shipment is the reason for the tardiness of this issue of the Citizen.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and daughter Thelma of Portland, also Mr. and Mrs. Emil Heikkinen and daughter Irene of West Paris were supper and evening guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davis. They were also callers at Herman Cole's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hemingway, Harry Stevens, Willard Farwell and Mrs. Will Dyer have all been sick with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Judkins were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. James Knights.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cole and family were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dudley and son Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Dudley, Mrs. Lola Foster, Clarence Smith and Mrs. Mary Ann Knights. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dudley and son and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Judkins.

ROWE HILL

Miss Sylvia Ring is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bryant for a while. Rodney Ring is visiting there for a week.

Visitors in the neighborhood on Christmas were Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey at Osman Palmer's, Mrs. Winnie Hanscom at Newton Bryant's, Mrs. Martha Noyes at Lamont Brooks'.

Mr. and Mrs. Durward Lang and Merle of Locke Mills were dinner guests at Newton Bryant's Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby Ring spent Christmas with Mrs. Bessie Ring in the Tubbs District.

Miss Eunice Palmer was sick with flu a few days last week. She returned to work at Tebbets' mill Monday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the many acts of kindness, letters, cards and words of sympathy in our bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Smith
Virginia Smith
Homer Smith Jr.
Betty Smith

GROVER HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mundt are ill and James Mundt is ill with pneumonia at the Rumford hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rogers of South Waterford spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Whitman, Rodney Waterhouse and friend from Burlington, Vt., were holiday guests at Cleve Waterhouse's.

Miss Ada Dunham who was employed for several months by Mrs. M. F. Tyler has returned to Bryant Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barnard and Mrs. Marion Tyler have sublet Mrs. Warren Bean's apartment on lower Main St.

Miss Alice Mundt of Worcester, Mass. is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mundt. There was a family party Christmas day at Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mills'.

Winfield Whitman and children of Compton, N. H. were visitors at Clyde Whitman's, Sunday.

A. J. Peaslee, due to poor health has closed his house here and is comfortably located at Mrs. Ada Hancock's, in West Bethel.

Herman Skillings is somewhat improved from his recent illness.

Below zero mornings have been here again since Monday, with a warmer period predicted.

HOLIDAY SEASON



May this New Year's bear a photographic likeness to the one of your heart's desire, and may 1944 be an album of 366 very happy days. This, friends and patrons, is our New Year's wish for you.

Grand Trunk R. R. System
Railway Express Agency
Western Union Telegraph Co.
O. A. PRATT, Agent

HAPPIEST NEW YEAR..



The hum of those Liberators high in the sky is a portent of progress—a glimpse of the reality that, speed the day! lies beyond the turn of the road. Freedom is on the march!

That you may participate in all of the good things that 1944 may bring is our sincere New Year's wish for you.

Gould Academy
Elwood F. Ireland, Headmaster

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

A Non-Partisan Editorial Review of the Events of Each Week, Illustrated

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union news analysts, and not necessarily of this newspaper.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:
New Landing

One day after U. S. bombers had dumped 350 tons of explosives on Arawe on New Britain Island, U. S. warships moved shoreward to the enemy base and pumped big shells into the defenses, even as planes returned to assist in the bombardment.

After this terrific crescendo, U. S. doughboys swarmed ashore to establish a beachhead on this strategic island, center of Japanese shipping for supplying its embattled forces on New Guinea and Bougainville.

By landing on Arawe, U. S. forces drove a wedge into Jap positions on Cape Gloucester to the west and Gasmata to the east, where the enemy has established airfields to help cover the barge operations with which he feeds supplies to his troops in this area by traveling along the jungle shorelines by night.

While the U. S. stormed Arawe, heavy bombers continued to smack the Marshalls, small Jap island holdings in the central Pacific menacing Allied supply lines to Australasia.

RAILROADS:

Strike Called

With 97.7 per cent of the operating railroad union members voting to strike to enforce their demands for higher wages and with the walk-out date set for December 30, the government acted quickly to prevent an interruption in the nation's transportation.

Said spokesmen for the 350,000 trainmen, firemen, engineers, conductors and switchmen who have demanded a 30 per cent wage increase with a minimum boost of \$3 daily: "It is a strike against inflation for the privileged few and deflation for the many."

To meet the crisis which was provoked by the unions' rejection of an emergency board's award of a 32-cent a day increase, the government's national mediation board summoned both union and rail officials to meet to settle their differences.

Meanwhile, over 1,000,000 non-operating rail union members awaited final congressional action on a resolution granting them an eight-cent-an-hour pay boost over the U. S. stabilization director's objection.

RUSSIA:

Drive in North

While Russian and German troops slugged at each other in the central and southern sectors, the Nazis reported 100,000 Reds attacked to the north, in what they said was a preliminary move to a major winter drive for the Baltic sea.

By driving to the Baltic, the Reds would split the Germans' northern armies from those of the south, and also give them a base from which to attack enemy shipping making use of the sea to supply its armies in the area.

In the Ukraine, both sides gave ground grudgingly under heavy blows. The Nazis pressed forward toward Kiev, while the Reds pounded out gains farther to the south in the Dnieper bend.

As of December 1, 176,945,000 pounds of butter were in cold storage, and other stocks included 177,110,000 pounds of American cheese; 197,382,000 pounds of poultry; 376,973,000 pounds of pork; 183,996,000 pounds of beef; 31,974,000 pounds of lamb and mutton, and 1,762,000 cases of eggs.



Goin' Back—Brought to the Ukraine following its capture in 1941, these German farmers left with their possessions when Nazi armies fell back before the Reds' 1943 offensive.

ITALY:

Action in Air

Connecting link between Germany and Italy, Europe's historic Brenner pass was pounded by waves of U. S. bombers, seeking to disrupt the rail lines feeding Nazi armies to the south.

By striking at the pass, the bombers countered a successful Nazi air raid on the southeastern Italian port of Bari, in which 30 German planes whizzed in at low level and sank 17 Allied cargo vessels lying at anchor in the harbor.

On the ground, U. S. and British troops clambered forward over mountainous country toward Rome in sleety weather. Fighting bitterly from strong defenses in the hills, and throwing armored formations into action on the level plains, the Nazis succeeded in slowing Allied advances.

BRITAIN:

Miners Ask Raise

Seeking to boost average weekly earnings from \$16.60 for underground employees to \$24, and from \$13.40 for surface employees to \$22, Britain's Mine Workers federation planned to take their case to a government panel if employers rejected their demands.

Because of possible coal shortages, the government recently cut home rations for the fuel by 20 per cent, and it was anticipated that any strike by the 600,000 miners might result in further reductions.

Child Delinquency

Like the U. S., Britain has its juvenile delinquency, and most of it is attributed to lack of adequate supervision because of parental occupation in the war effort.

Juvenile delinquency has increased from the prewar rate of 4 per 1,000 to 9 per 1,000, principally because thousands of fathers are in the armed forces, one out of four mothers are holding full time jobs, and inadequate rations compel families to eat at least one meal away from home.

TRANSPORTATION:

Parts Needed

Trucks, railroad equipment, buses and tires are wearing out and replacements must be made if the nation's transportation system is to carry record loads in 1944, the Truman investigating committee asserted.

Particularly acute is the reduced stock of truck parts, especially in view of the longer use of vehicles and greater demand for repairs, the committee said. Low inventories further were aggravated by the government's scrap drive, in which many cars were junked from which parts might have been salvaged.

Railroads have been hampered by lack of enough new rails and slowdowns in locomotive production because of priority regulations, the committee declared. Because of the critical situation in lumber brought about by military purchases, price controls affecting operations and labor shortages, ties available for railroads will fall below needs in 1944, the committee said.

On September 30, 2,560,026 civilians were on the government payroll, a drop of 32,121 from the previous month. It also was revealed that 263,637 persons were serving without compensation or as \$1-a-year men.

CIVILIAN GOODS:

Study Output

Following the War Production board's initial announcement that 15 per cent more civilian goods would be manufactured during the first three months of 1944 than in the last quarter of this year, it was later revealed that WPB was changing certain aspects of its program after a survey of needs of 7,000 homes.

Studies have been made to determine what quantity of electric irons, washing machines, refrigerators,

tors, trucks and automobiles can be made, and what plants will be able to produce the goods.

It was also revealed that the civilian requirements agency of the WPB will play an important role in determining policy when industry is faced with reconversion. Although reconversion is expected to create unemployment, much hardship should be relieved because the shift will be gradual, and consumers' demands should result in quick rehiring by reconverted plants.

Taking advantage of the lowest level of prices for the year, corn belt buyers purchased an almost record volume of stockers and feeders during November. In eight states, in-shippments totaled 383,000 compared with the all-high of 391,000 in 1942.

WOOL:

Plan to Liquidate

Plans to begin liquidation of the great stock of government-owned wool are being considered, War Production board officials announced. It is believed that experience in the sale of the 300 million pounds of imported wool on hand will be the board's guide in disposing of surplus stocks of other materials.

The board stressed the point that they will establish controls to assure orderly sales to private trade, and "to insure, in so far as possible, the continued operations of importers and domestic wool growers."

Disposal of government surplus stocks is a postwar problem engaging the anxious attention of both industrial executives and war agency heads.

INFLUENZA:

Increase Reported

Cases of influenza in the nation increased 500 per cent in the week ended December 11, according to U. S. Public Health figures. Reports for the week from every state department excepting Maine's showed a total of 23,724 cases, five times as many as in the week before.

Federal health service officials stated that there was no particular cause for concern, as the new cases are of the same mild type of the disease that has been prevalent since the epidemic began in the fall.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

FLU: Almost a thousand people died of influenza in Great Britain last week, the highest since the epidemic began. In the previous week 709 succumbed.

NURSES: Plans to conscript registered nurses for service with the armed forces have been dropped, Representative Bolton said, after a conference with war department officials.

FIRE: Losses from fire during November were 31 per cent higher throughout the nation than for the same month last year. For the first 11 months of 1943, total losses were the largest since 1932, was reported by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

COTTON PICKERS: Spindle-type cotton picking machines will be manufactured under the Berry patent next year, Deere and Co., of Moline, Ill., announce. Officials said that probably some machines would be on sale for use during the 1944 season.

NUGGET: What is said to be the world's largest nugget, a lump of gold weighing 150 pounds, has been found in a Belgian Congo mine, according to a report from Capetown, South Africa.

APPENDICITIS: A 27-year-old Colorado rancher, suffering from a ruptured appendix, struggled three miles through deep snow to a settlement. Townspeople took him to Canon City, where doctors gave

him a fair chance of recovery. He had been sick a week in his cabin, where he lived alone.

HONESTY: A 43-year-old Briton of American descent has been sentenced by a London court to nine months' imprisonment for receiving stolen goods. His name is Abraham Lincoln, and he claims to be a grandnephew of "Honest Abe." Lincoln was charged with receiving a calculating machine which he knew was stolen from U. S. army headquarters.

CEILINGS: Removal of price ceilings on all fresh fruit and vegetables was asked in a resolution passed by the Vegetable Growers Association of America, meeting in Chicago. The association also opposed any form of subsidies on their products.

MATRIARCH: An 89-year-old woman, who died recently in Clay county, Ill., was mourned by 214 direct descendants. At the funeral were two sons, eight daughters, 70 grandchildren, 128 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

RAIDS: German airplane production has been reduced at least a third by heavy and frequent raids carried out by British and American bombers, a London correspondent writes. In October, Nazi factories turned out about 650 planes, in contrast to the 950 to a thousand scheduled.

ARMS OUTPUT:

Keeps Soaring

Despite a reduction in output of ammunition, U. S. war production in November soared above the previous record month of October, with the present rate 550 per cent over 1941.

Declaring problems of manpower, design changes and material shortages have been largely overcome, the War Production board said gains in terms of dollar value were recorded for aircraft, communication and electronic equipment, shipbuilding, guns and combat motor vehicles. Ammunition output was down 2 per cent, chiefly reflecting a 13 per cent drop for small arms.

Indicative of the emphasis on production of heavy bombers, average air frame weight per plane in November was 8,130 pounds, compared with 7,560 pounds during preceding months. Output of aerial bombs increased 11 per cent, reflecting the intensification of the Allies' bombing operations on the world fronts.

CONGRESS:

Tax Bill

Tacking on an additional 144 million dollars, the senate finance committee approved a new 2 billion, 284 million dollar tax bill which, if passed by congress, will boost U. S. revenues to 43 billion dollars yearly.

Written under Sen. Walter George's chairmanship, the senate bill requires payment of the 3 per cent Victory tax by everybody with income over \$524 a year, and raises levies on amusements, travel, alcoholic beverages, cosmetics, fur, luggage, toilet articles and other luxuries.

Also included in the bill was a provision requiring labor organizations and farm co-operatives to file financial statements annually with the commissioner of internal revenue.

Whisky

As the senate's liquor investigating committee charged that big distilleries "are using the war emergency to get control of the wine and beer industry," a federal grand jury called on Hiram Walker & Sons, Seagram & Sons, National Distillers Products Corp. and Schenley to present records of the companies' stock organizations, including their wineries and breweries, and their distribution and merchandising practices.

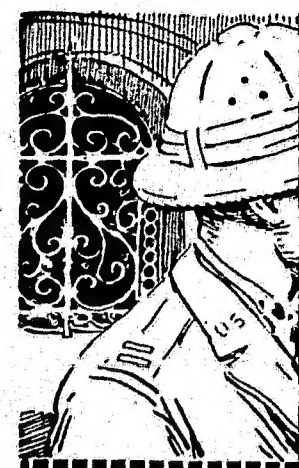
Subsidies

Action in the senate on the tangled subsidy question became further tangled with the banking committee's recommendation that consideration of subsidies be postponed for 60 days.

Previously, the banking committee had turned down the proposal of Sen. John Bankhead (Ala.) to abolish subsidies under which the government reduces consumers' retail prices by paying processors the difference for their charges, and had also tabled the suggestion of Sen. Robert Taft (Ohio) to limit subsidies to a half billion annually instead of one billion.

Asking the senate to postpone consideration, Kentucky's Sen. Albert Barkley said he would devote the holidays to "working at both ends of Pennsylvania avenue"—the White House and Capitol Hill—for a compromise.

Released by Western Newspaper Union.



THE STORY SO FAR: A beautiful daughter of a New York newspaper publisher, Rico on an assignment for paper. Also on the island, a reporter on her first job, a U. S. Army intelligence officer, Miguel Valera, a Puerto Rican in the United States who is agent; Richard Taussig, whose identity as a German agent but not yet proved. Porter, a young American, his wife, Sue, who innocently Mr. Taussig can help Rico. That Taussig is working on plan she offers to show it as proof of Russell's ability.

CHAPTER X

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"Oh, then take them and look at all of them."

She thrust them back at hands. (Half an hour anything, and it'll mean to Russell!) "Oh, please Mr. Taussig got up, seated.

"Well, all right, then, ter," he said at last. them back in half an hour.

At the door he turned to see Russell tomorrow. "What about the two of dinner with me at eight celebrate?"

"Oh, thank you—that's wonderful!" Sue said.

She stood where she saw him go out into the disappear along behind the hedge. Then she raised high above her head.

"Oh, darling! Oh, R. breathed to the empty room she danced through the into the kitchen, and stopped. "—Oh, dear! I didn't him a drink!"

Anne lifted herself out turquoise pool at the corner and stretched out on the mattress beside Barbara.

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"Okay," Sue Porter called the pool. "Hi, Anne!"

She danced gaily up Anne stood there watching old dull sensation moving stomach. Barbara got up.

"I wonder what's happen Sue?" she remarked. "You WE



CARIBBEAN CONSPIRACY

by BRENDA CONRAD

THE STORY SO FAR: Anne Heywood, beautiful daughter of a wealthy New York newspaper publisher, goes to Puerto Rico on an assignment for her father's paper. Also on the island are Pete Wilcox, a reporter on her father's paper, now a U. S. Army intelligence officer; Miguel Valera, a Puerto Rican educated in the United States who is a secret U. S. agent; Richard Taussig, an engineer whose identity as a German agent is suspected but not yet proved; and Russell Porter, a young American engineer, and his wife, Sue, who innocently believes Mr. Taussig can help Russell. Knowing that Russell is working on an important plan she offers to show it to Mr. Taussig as proof of Russell's ability.

CHAPTER XV

Taussig looked at his watch again. "I need about half an hour. Perhaps I could take them to my room and lay them out on the floor. I could get them back before I go to dine with the General at Casa Blanca."

He saw her hands close quickly. "But you wouldn't be comfortable with them out of the house," he said sympathetically. "I can see that."

He rolled them up again and handed them back to her.

"In fact, I don't really think you'd care to live in South—"

"I'd live anywhere for Russell!" Sue cried. "Anywhere! It doesn't matter. Just so he's not slaving night and day for nothing. I want him to do things!"

"He'd certainly be doing them," Mr. Taussig said. "And just the little I've seen here . . ."

"Oh, then take them with you and look at all of them."

She thrust them back into his hands. (Half an hour won't hurt anything, and it'll mean everything to Russell!) "Oh, please do!"

Mr. Taussig got up, still undecided.

"Well, all right, then, Mrs. Porter," he said at last. "I'll have them back in half an hour."

At the door he turned back. "I'll see Russell tomorrow," he said. "What about the two of you having dinner with me at eight, and we'll celebrate?"

"Oh, thank you—that will be wonderful!" Sue said.

She stood where she was until she saw him go out into the street and disappear along behind the hibiscus hedge. Then she raised her arms high above her head.

"Oh, darling! Oh, Rusty!" she breathed to the empty room. Then she danced through the house out into the kitchen, and stopped abruptly. "—Oh, dear! I didn't even offer him a drink!"

Anne lifted herself out of the cool turquoise pool at the Country Club and stretched out on the brown sun mattress beside Barbara French.

"What time is it?" she asked. "I've got to go to Sue's."

"You've got lots of time," Barbara said lazily. "That's one of the lovely things about the tropics. Manana land . . . which isn't quite true, really. It covers up a lot of things, like 'sometime' at home. 'Do come and see us sometime,' which means never. It's the same here. They're just so polite."

She glanced around. "And you don't have to worry about getting to Sue's, because here Sue is. Hi, Sue! Order us a drink, will you? We'll be up in a minute."

"Okay," Sue Porter called across the pool. "Hi, Anne!"

She danced gaily up the steps. Anne stood there watching her, a cold dull sensation moving into her stomach. Barbara got up.

"I wonder what's happened to our Sue?" she remarked. "You wouldn't suppose she's just got Russell made President of Consolidated? I hope it's all right."

"My dears, have you heard!" Sue exclaimed, abruptly cutting off something she was saying to the girl next to her. "About Miguel Valera—your friend, Anne. The War Department cancelled his orders."

"What for?" someone asked casually.

Sue shrugged. "Three guesses, darling. Everybody knows they're anti-American."

Anne's fingers tightened on the arm of her chair.

"I've often wondered why the Army wasn't a lot more careful," Sue said. "It's about time we're beginning to wake up."

Anne could feel the blood rising in her cheeks.

"Do you mean Miguel Valera's a spy, darling?" Barbara's cool voice put in.

"I'm not saying that. You know yourself a lot of funny things are going on around here that we never hear about. And they don't cancel orders for nothing. Everybody's talking about it."

"Why don't you get a job as a beautiful blonde spy-catcher, Sue?" somebody asked. "Colonel Fletcher needs a couple."

"Tell us more," Barbara French urged. "Is Don Alvaro going to storm El Morro?"

Anne got up. Barbara was looking at her with calm expressionless eyes.

"Going?" she asked.

Anne nodded. "I've got a date with Miguel Valera," she said calmly. "We're going to steal the plans to the General's shower room. But don't tell a soul."

"Wait a minute, darling," Sue said. "Where's the check? This is my party. Bye, everybody."

She followed Anne downstairs. "Look," she said when they were outside. "Russell's gone to St. Thomas for two or three days. Why don't you come over and stay with me till he comes back? I'll have a lot of people in, and some attractive men—Here's my car. I'll take you home."

"Thanks, Sue—you're sweet," Anne said. "I think I'd better stay where I am. You know . . . it's such a mess packing things anyway."

"Oh, all right. It's just so uncomfortable, where you are."

"Not at all, I love it."

Sue was silent for a moment as they started off.

"You may think it's funny for me to be giving you advice," she said then. "You're so competent and I'm not. But I've been down here longer than you have. It's all right for you to be interested, and all that, but I don't think you're being very wise in the people—"

"You mean Miguel Valera?" Anne asked, a little dangerously. "And who says so, Sue? Anybody?"

"Oh, of course not. And you needn't get sore about it. People just wonder, when there are so many attractive Americans around . . ."

"Not . . . as attractive as Miguel Valera," Anne remarked calmly. "Not that I've seen."

"Oh, stop it, Anne!" Sue exclaimed. "You know, I actually think you really might be a big enough fool to marry him."

"He's not interested, darling."

"Oh, don't pretend you're naive, Anne. They all love American girls, blondes especially. What do you suppose they're being so nice to you for? You'd be a swell catch for anybody, with the money and position your father's got."

"The Valeras have money—and position too," Anne remarked.

"They don't need either one. And look, Sue. What I hope about you is that you didn't do anything crazy this afternoon."

Sue Porter looked at her sharply. "What do you mean?" she demanded. A bright pink spot burned in the cheek next to Anne.

"You know what I mean," Anne said quietly. "I told you to be careful of Mr. Taussig. You don't know anything about him . . . and you could make a horrible, horrible mistake."

The spot in Sue's cheek burned darker.

"I don't know what you're talking about, Anne."

"Okay, Sue. Let's skip it."

"Oh, don't be like that, Anne!" She was young and pleading again.

basket. She didn't want to read it. At the mirror she picked up her comb and ran it through her shining red-gold hair, looking back at the waste basket.

It was also nearly eight o'clock, and she knew that Miguel was coming, in spite of what Graciela had said—knew it before the operator called to tell her he was there.

He was waiting, pacing nervously up and down the lobby. When he saw her he dropped his cigarette in the jar of sand by the newsstand and came quickly forward. He took her hand and held it a moment tightly, looking at her.

"I must go home—tomorrow," Anne thought quickly. She smiled. "It's nice to see you," she said.

He put her arm in his, pressing it close to his side, and they went out onto the terrace. Without saying a single word he had said a great deal.

"Can't we have dinner out here?" Anne asked. She turned from the balustrade with the cool breeze from the ocean in her hair and its soft whisper in the palm leaves in her ears.

"Surely."

He called the waiter. Anne stood there watching the waves break white against the reef. He came back and took her arm again.

"What happened today?" he asked quietly.

She shook her head.

"I don't quite know. After I got your message I went to the Central. Pete Wilcox came out just in time, I think. I got dizzy, or something. I don't know. I was scared stiff, really."

He held her arm more tightly. He had not sent the message that took her out to the mill. Should he tell her? She might be safer if she didn't know too much.

"Hereafter don't go anywhere without me . . . or Wilcox, or some one you know very well," he said. "And don't take messages from anybody."

"I won't again."

She glanced around. They were alone on the terrace. The window of Mr. Taussig's room upstairs was dark.

"Miguel," she said slowly. "Do you know Russell Porter?"

"I know about him. He's doing a good job here."

"That's what I wanted to know about. Is there anything in his work that would interest . . . well, you know?"

"Very much," Miguel Valera said gravely. "Why?"

Anne looked up at him. "If I tell you something, will you promise to try to see it doesn't hurt Russell?"

"What is it, Anne?"

"You haven't promised."

"I can't promise anything," he answered quietly. "Nothing personal counts. You must know that . . . after last night, and today."

She hesitated, and went on.

"I'm not sure about this. It's a mixture of fact and guesswork. But the other night after dinner Sue Porter and Mr. Taussig were talking about Russell's job. Taussig said if Russell could do that—what-ever it was—he was a genius; it was every engineer's dream. Sue said he had done it and he was a genius, and she tried to get Russell to go get his specifications to show him. Russell clamped down hard and sent her to see after the kids. I have an idea that Sue showed them to him today. Russell's away, and she's terribly ambitious for him, and thinks because Taussig is a great sanitary engineer he can do something. She wouldn't know—"

He interrupted her with impatient irony. "People never do.—What time today, Anne?"

"About four or four-thirty, I'd guess. What would he do if he got them?"

"He'd make a microscopic photograph and return them to Mrs. Porter in an hour. He'd tell her she was right about her husband, and to keep absolutely quiet and they'd hear from him. Sort of their secret, his and hers. Nobody would know the plans were out, so no changes would be made. And Taussig wouldn't have any large blueprint to smuggle out. They don't steal plans any more. They just take pictures and enlarge them."

"Then there's nothing—"

He shook his head. "There are the films. I'm glad you told me."

The waiter brushed the crumbs from the cloth and brought their coffee. He poured it, black and fragrant, into the cups and left the terrace.

Miguel leaned forward, looking at her in the pale silver glow of the rising moon. "Anne," he said. He hadn't spoken for several moments.

"Yes?"

"I'm going to ask you to do something. Will you?"

She smiled. "Depends."

"I'm going to ask you . . . to go home."

His voice sounded a little like silk tearing.

She put her cup down and looked out at the reef. A lighted ship was moving far out beyond it . . . going home. She looked back at him.

"Do you want me to go?"

"No," he said quietly. "I want you to stay here, always."

He put his hand out and took hers lying on the table.

"I love you, Anne. The knowledge that you will go sometime is very hard. It will be lonelier than you know. But if you go quickly . . ."

"Is that why . . . you want me to go?" she asked softly.

"No. I want to keep you, as long as I can. But it isn't safe for you. If I could only ask you to marry me . . ."

He stopped. Anne waited, aware of the soft fragrance of the night isolating them for a moment in a small infinitely lovely world all their own, as fragile and tender as the silver glow of the moonpath on the ocean. It was what she wanted . . . what she had lived for. There was no shadow of doubt in her mind.

She waited for him to go on. When he didn't she raised her eyes slowly to his.

"Can't you, Miguel?" she asked softly.

Her heart throbbed with a sudden rich warmth. In his face was passion, muted, saddened even, with a tenderness she had never seen before.

For a moment they were lost in the electric world that held their eyes together, saying more than their lips could say. Suddenly he lowered his head. He was trembling. Anne could hardly hear him whispering, "Oh, Anne—I love you, I can't let you go!"

"Then ask me to stay, Miguel . . ."

She got up and moved over to the balustrade. He came after her.

"Anne, do you mean it?"

He caught her hand and held it in both of his. She turned and looked up into his eyes, her own radiant as stars.

"I do mean it, Miguel."

His voice was strong and clear.

"—Will you marry me, Anne?"

"Yes, darling. Yes . . . a million times."

"Oh, my dear . . . my dear."

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WEEKLY SERIAL INSTALLMENT

LOCKE MILLS

—Mrs. Mary Mills, Correspondent—
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ring spent the week end and holiday with her son, Henry Walker, and wife at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fuller and Joy May were Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis.
Mrs. Myrtle Hatfield and family have been guests of her mother, Mrs. John Swan, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ring are the parents of a son born at Rumford hospital Dec. 25.

Mrs. Eva Swan is caring for Kenneth and Meredith Ann Ring while their mother is in the hospital.

Lee Mills and Raymond Swan were at South Paris Monday for their first examinations.

The Sunday School Christmas tree and program was held at the church last Thursday evening. Harry and George Norton of Portland were holiday guests of their sister, Mrs. Mary Andrews. John Churchill is visiting his sister, Mrs. Donald Tebbets.
Roscoe Swan of Norway was the guest of relatives in the place over the week end.

ting, Monday evening the Universalist Sunday School held their annual family supper. Entertainment and tree Tuesday evening. Onward Rebekah Lodge held their Christmas observance and tree Wednesday evening. The Baptist Society held their Christmas tree and entertainment at their Church, Thursday evening. Granite Chapter O. E. Star entertained invited children at their Christmas party and Friday evening the Grange held a dance at their hall.

Mrs. Eleanor P. Ring and Mrs. Glendine Collette from Boston guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ring and Felicia Collette over the week end.

Mrs. Ethel Y. Penley entertained on Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Penley of Lewiston, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Penley and son Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Palmer and Janet of Bethel were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Palmer.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

Although many home circles were broken and all felt keenly the sadness of war the usual public Christmas festivities were held and many families continued the practice of the family gathering and tree. The annual Christmas concert was held at the Universalist Church, all Churches participating.

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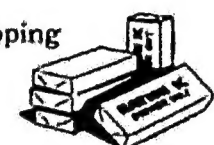
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SOUTH BETHEL

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NEWRY CORNER

Happy New Year.
A great many people are confined to their home with the grippe.
Mr. and Mrs. John Vall, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morton Jr. and children spent Christmas with Mrs. Morton's parents in Auburn.
William Marquis is home for a short time from his work with the Union Water Power Co.
The next Farm Bureau meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12. Subject, "That Horrid Cold." Place of meeting will be announced later.
Schools will be resumed Jan. 3 after a vacation of two weeks.
Mrs. Marion Learned spent the holiday at home. Mr. and Mrs. Puglisse were guests there during the week for a short time.

SOUTH BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green and children from Fairfield spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Harold Tibbetts.
Mrs. Blanch Mason and children spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks.
James Spinney spent Christmas at his home here.
Frank Robertson has been quite sick for two weeks.
About everyone this way has been sick with the grippe and flu.
Francis Brooks spent Christmas at the home of Frank Brooks.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Ranaid Stevens, Mary Stevens, Mrs. Ethel Ward, Mrs. Susie Capen, Mrs. Jasper Cates, Mrs. Hulda Stevens, Mrs. Lillian Carter met at Mrs. Roger Foster's, Monday evening. A sunshine box was packed for Mrs. Carey Stevens. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream, coffee and cake were served.

Marion Lapham of Albany is a guest of Elizabeth Ward this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Winslow and children, Evelyn and Duane, were in West Paris, Wednesday to visit Mrs. Winslow's mother, Mrs. Bessie Bicknell.

Albert Buck is spending his vacation from Burdett College at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Small of Poland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartlett Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Leighton and family of Albany were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Winslow Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Buck visited her sister, Mrs. Chester Cummings at Hanover, Saturday.

Mrs. Augustus Carter spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Cristie Bennett of Norway called at Augustus Carter's, Saturday.

BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

Mrs. Alden Chase has received word of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Ehms in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Alton Verrill is a surgical patient in St. Mari's Hospital, Lewiston.

Miss Dorothea Billings, a teacher in Portland, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Billings.

Kenneth Swan and Ellsworth Hathaway are cutting wood.

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Mrs. Verna Swan and children, Arlene and Kenneth Swan were callers Christmas afternoon at the home of Donald Whitman at Norway.

The Christmas exercises were held Friday evening at the Baptist Church by the Sunday School children and consisted of recitations, songs and exercises. It was a very fine entertainment and there was a large attendance.

After the exercises a Christmas tree was enjoyed by all present.

SONGO POND

Arthur Kimball and Clayton Penley have been ill with the grippe. Miss Eleanor Kimball spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Merlie Stone, and family, Lovell the first of last week.

Mrs. Hollis Grindle has been very ill with flu and tonsillitis. Leon Millet is planning to cut ice this week on Songo Lake.

Miss Ivy Philbrook has returned to Nason College, Springvale, having spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kimball.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wardwell and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wardwell were in Norway last week Tuesday.

Lilla and Edith Stearns called on Viola Kimball one day last week.

Joseph Pechinik spent Christmas at his home in South Paris.

A large crowd attended the Christmas supper and Christmas tree at the Baptist Church on Thursday evening.

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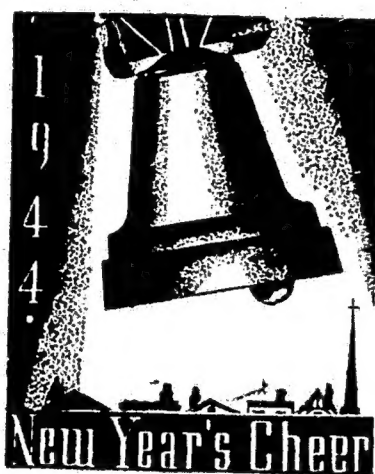
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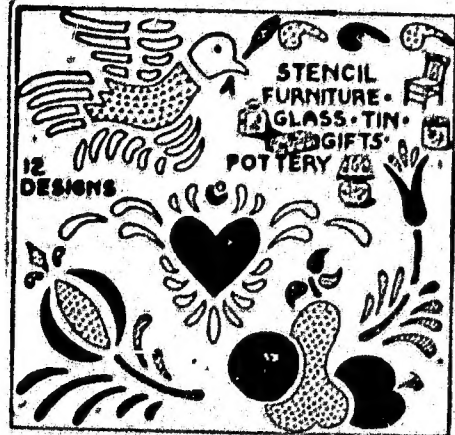
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FRED ALLEN

first radio role in 1932—Helen Morgan was his guest star. Now, 11 years later, he's at it again, better than ever.

For the first time in 23 years of stardom Richard Dix turns from hero to heavy in RKO's "The Ghost Ship." "When I returned home after a day of violent villainy at the studio, I was almost ashamed to face my wife and the kiddies," he remarked.

Dick Powell claims that he has answered the question of how to stay happily married while acting in pictures 103 times since he began work in RKO's "It Happened Tomorrow." He says he plans to issue a mimeographed statement—"It's just the same as if you worked for the telephone company in Kokomo. Don't take your business home." He adds: "It helps if you love your wife!"

Jean Arthur'd like to remain Jean Arthur on the screen, but can't. It's her real name, and a certain blonde comedienne made it famous first. So 19-year-old Jean, of "Song of the Open Road," has had to give in and become Jean Vail professionally.

A new tap ballet is being created for Eleanor Powell, dancing star of United Artists' "Sensations of 1944." It combines ballet steps and regular tap steps, and Eleanor is putting in six hours of practice daily with David Lichine of the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe.

Ronnie, nine-year-old son of George Burns and Gracie Allen, prides himself on manfully remaining dry-eyed when scolded for bad behavior. But recently he came home from school with a good report card, and George and Gracie were so proud and pleased and praised him so much that he stood it as long as he could—and then burst into tears!

ODDS AND ENDS—When Fred Allen lent Minerva Pious and John Brown to Jack Benny he thought he'd get them back—they decided to stay with Jack. . . Bob Burks is making a survey of sailors' preferences in songs—wants to make a gift of records to the ward room of a navy ship. . . Jack Douglas is painting hex signs on his pig barn to ward off evil spirits—Ruth Hussey suggested it. . . Don Ameche's rapid-fire delivery is fast approaching the record set by the late Floyd Gibbons.

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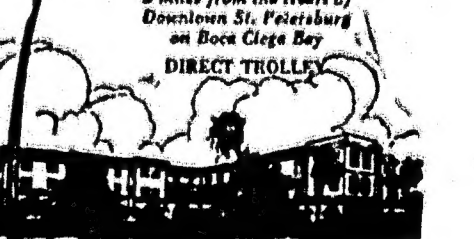
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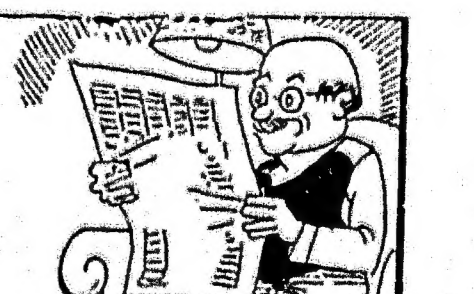
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Washington Digest

'Lean, Aged Mountaineer' Breaks Down Allied Distrust

Secretary Hull's Determination and Sincerity During Visit to Moscow Broke Barriers Of Suspicion. Russia Now Real Ally.



By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator.

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The flag is flying over the White House again, a real symbol, no longer a ruse de guerre. After the past few weeks, it is a relief to know it really means that the President is there—not an attempt to hide his absence from the enemy.

Already the nervous bulletins, announcing the forbidden truths or the invented canards as to the whereabouts of the Allied leaders, are forgotten in the more instant interest in the happenings on the battle fronts—on the home front.

Washington has had time to ponder on America's new leadership in world affairs. Perhaps that toast offered by Premier Stalin to American war production without which, he said, the war could not have been won by the Allies, brought the truth home. America is emerging out of this holocaust as the world's greatest power.

And for the first time in history, the world's greatest power is the nation whose people are least prepared, least experienced, least anxious for world leadership. There is a chance that we may let it go by default.

Washington has assayed pretty well by this time the fruits of the Moscow conference, the Cairo conference with Chiang Kai-shek attending; the Teheran meeting; the meeting with Turkey's president.

Russia's New Role

The achievement, first and foremost, unless we read all the signs a-wrong, is that Russia emerges in a new role. As Secretary Hull firmly believes, the fate of the world depends now on Russia and the United States.

Until the Moscow conference with the Teheran meeting to put its seal upon it, Russia was still an international enigma. She was fighting the same enemy that we were in Europe. But she was in no sense an ally.

Today she is still fighting the same enemy in Europe but is allied with us.

We are not a nation of diplomats. England has the wisdom of the ages inherited from an intimacy with the chancelleries of Europe since the days of Metetrnich. Today she has, at the head of her government, one of the greatest leaders the empire has produced. But not even English guile or graciousness, her wife or her wisdom accomplished what one lean and aged mountaineer achieved.

When Cordell Hull went to Moscow, he went as a knight on a crusade, not for personal glory, not for gain, but because he felt that was the duty the Lord had laid upon him. He told himself before he went, despite the timorous restraint of physicians in whose care he had been, despite the concern of the wife he loves so well, that he would go on this mission if it took him by land or sea or air to the ends of the earth.

And when he arose at that first meeting and addressed the representatives of the three powers, he said frankly that what he was about to propose was in the interest of his own country. He hoped he could show that it would be in the interest of all.

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And he said that what he would say would be frank and forthright and what he expected would be said to him would, likewise, be frank and forthright, truths minted in the same

coin. And Mr. Hull was met squarely on the terms he laid down.

I do not pretend to say that Secretary Hull was solely responsible for the success of these meetings; in fact, only time will tell how lasting their success will be, but it is the firm conviction of even the skeptical in Washington that it was the oneness of purpose, the sincerity, the unwavering determination of this hardy son of Tennessee that broke down the barriers of suspicion and distrust and found a common way for Russia to march solidly shoulder-to-shoulder with Britain and America in this war and to give promise that the three would face the peace afterward with the nearest thing to international altruism that this weary world can expect.

Moscow paved the way. Teheran sealed the covenants. It killed once and for all the controversy over the "second front" and struck the cadence that brought the Allies marching in step toward victory.

About Chiang Kai-shek

We cannot omit from any discussion of these meetings what America achieved when she brought Chiang Kai-shek into the picture. The Chinese believe in America. They think we have decent ideals. But they assayed us as a still more or less kindly, indifferent people who, without much thought, would dance to the British tune. And Britain they distrusted.

They know now that America had the breadth of view and the acumen—to use that word again in its best sense—to bring China into the higher councils of the Allies. It was Hull who insisted that China become a co-signatory of the four-nation agreement at Moscow. It was America, Hull, Roosevelt—whomever you wish to credit for the act—who brought Chiang into the Cairo conference.

Strangely enough, America, nearer to Europe by the racial ties of a great part of its citizenry, is even closer to Europe's culture than the residents of the tight little British Isles themselves. Yet America's ignorance of Europe's real needs and thoughts is vast compared to that of England's statesmen. But America does seem to understand the Far East, can sympathize with it, and once America assumes the position to which her mighty power gives her the right, she can be the real interpreter between the East and the West. And lacking an interpreter, the East can only become a great potential enemy, protagonist of racial hatreds and racial wars.

America won her spurs at Moscow and Teheran, all we can ask is the support of the people so that she can wear them with the honor she loves, with the power she has.

U. S. Food Production—And World Needs

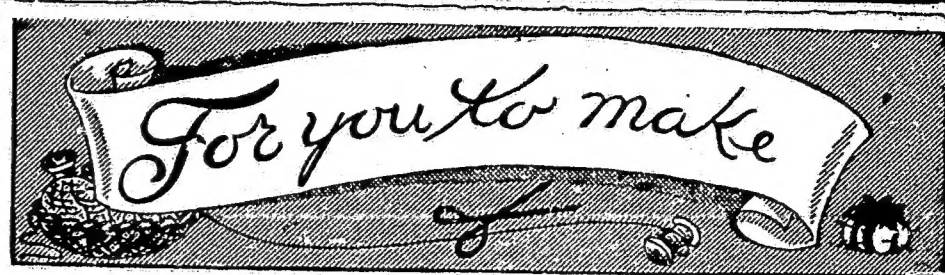
A detailed analysis of the world's food, fiber and tobacco needs and the part the United States must play in supplying them now and in the post-war period, has been made public by the National Planning association.

"If the United States were to adopt a minimum diet . . . and direct its present food-producing resources and agricultural labor accordingly," says the National Planning association (a non-governmental organization), "there would be enough food left over to feed another one hundred and thirty million people."

The report, "World Needs for U. S. Food and Fiber," was prepared by Dr. John D. Black of Harvard. Dr. Black is also a member of the Food and Nutrition board of the National Research council and on the Economic panel which is advising the United Nations interim commission on food and agriculture.

Home production must and can be expanded to meet the needs of the United Nations; the armed forces, our own civilians, and to aid starving countries, the report contends. But even with greatly expanded production, it holds out little hope for an end to all rationing for a year or even two years after the war.

"A highly efficient, low cost, balanced human diet can be compounded from whole wheat, potatoes, peas and beans, whole milk, vegetable oils and carrots and tomatoes," says Dr. Black, "but at the same time, any reasonable statement of food needs must recognize not only the difficulty of changing food habits quickly but also the production factors which can diversify the diet considerably."



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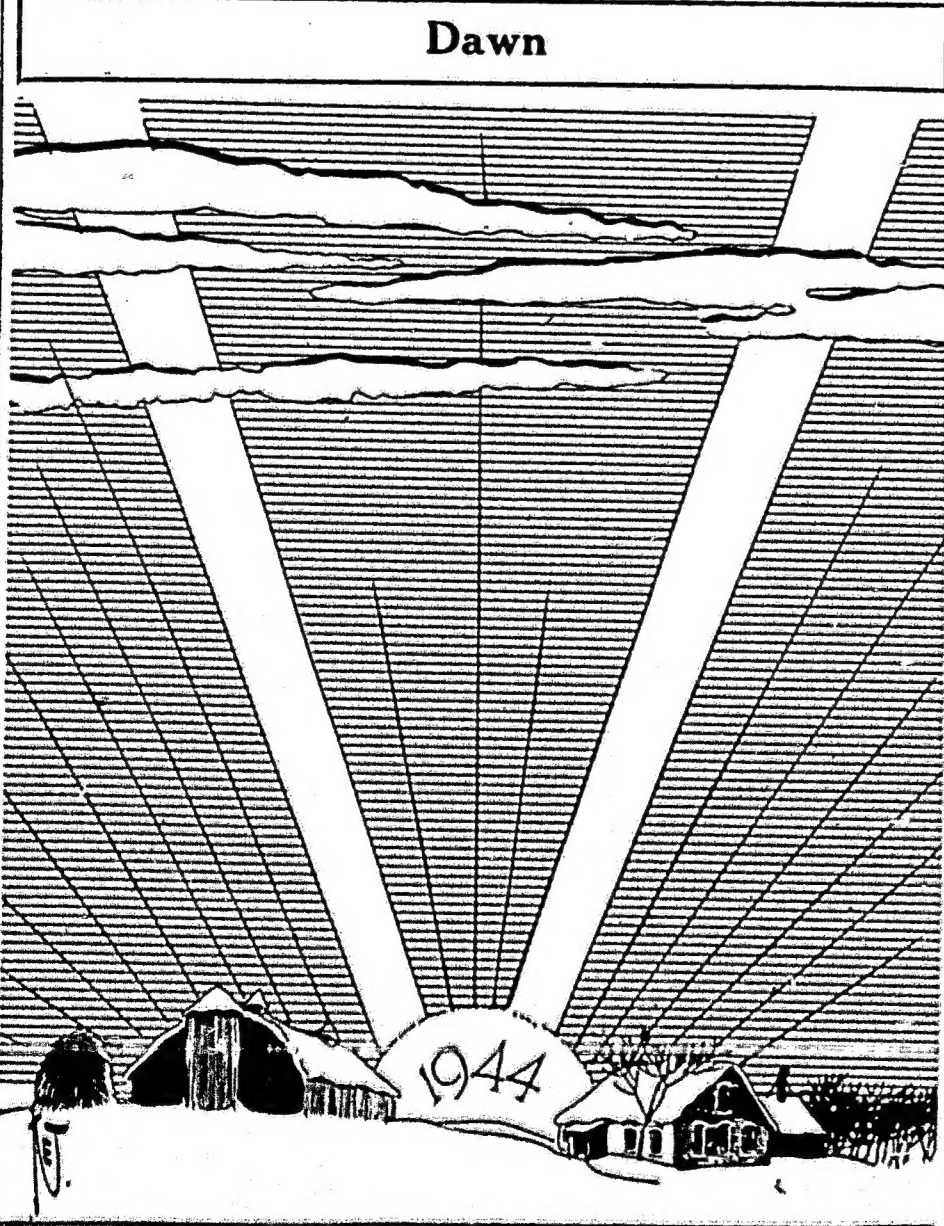
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945 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, supt. Classes for all. 11:00 Sunday morning worship. Special singing. Mrs. Mildred Lyon, organist. Subject of sermon, "The New Path." New Year thought. Short regular business meeting. 6:30 Youth Fellowship.

The Roll Call planned for Friday evening, Dec. 31, has been postponed.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, the Fourth Quarterly Conference, Rev. Elwin Wilson will speak and hold conference.

But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before I press toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3: 13.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. John J. Foster, Minister

9:30. Church School. Classes for everyone. Come and bring your friends with you.

11:00 a. m. Sunday Morning Worship. Sermon subject, "Living for Tomorrow."

Monday evening, Jan. 3. There will be a meeting of all the High School aged young people of the Church and parish at the Manse at 7:30 p. m. This meeting is to discuss plans for a youth program in our church. Plan now to attend with your many friends.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, 8 o'clock. Meeting of the officers and teachers of the Church School at the Manse.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Homer Lawrence next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Foster will give a book report.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"God" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Jan. 2.

Wednesday evening meeting on second Wednesday of each month.

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C. C. Donelson Jr., pastor

Sermon: "The Christian World We Want." Text: Uncompleted Tower, Luke 14: 25-30. Morning service: Eleven sharp.

BRYANT POND CHURCH

Rev. Franklin Koehlweiser, Pastor

Sunday morning, Jan. 2, 1944

Morning Worship 10:30. Sermon, "The Happy Life." Text: Psalm 146:5

Sunday School, 11:45. Juniors, 3:30. Young People, 7:00. Evening Service, 7:30.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting at Roy Newton's. Adult choir rehearsal on Thursday. Children on Saturday.

The pastor and wife wish to express their deepest appreciation and gratitude for the beautiful gifts given them by the members

and friends of the church and parish.



Lt. Sidney Dyke of Dow Field has been at home for a few days.

Major Harry Wilson visited his family here during the week end.

Ensign Kathleen Wight, N. C., has been ill at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Seaman 2c Onel Bachelder of Boston was at his home at Locke Mills Christmas.

Pfc. Albert Ring of Tufts Medical School, Boston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colby Ring, Rowe Hill, for two weeks.

Cpl. Robert Billings enjoyed a furlough over Christmas at his home at East Bethel, returning to Fort Eustis, Va.

Pfc. Donald Kimball of Jackson, Miss., is enjoying a Christmas furlough.

Pvt. Robert Cummings of New Mexico has pent a short furlough at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cummings and his father, Aubrey Cummings at Bryant Pond.

Ellsworth Hathaway has completed his boot training at New-

port, R. I., and is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hathaway, at Bryant Pond for a few days.

S 1c Harold Chapman has returned to duty after a furlough spent at home. He has been across the North Atlantic several times on convoy duty.

Pvt. Rodney Chase of Florida and Pfc. William Day of Louisiana are at their homes here on furlough.

Pfc. Lee Hutchins is now located in New Guinea.

Word has been received recently from Sgt. Rodney Wentzell, who is now in Italy.

Leroy Bennett Jr. has received

a medical discharge from the Army and is at his home here.

S 3c Eva Ladd of New York has been visiting at her home.

Pvt. Clayton Crockett of Boston visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crockett, recently.

Pfc. F. O'Neil Robertson of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, is enjoying a furlough at his home.

John Twaddle has received his commission as lieutenant (j. g.) in the Medical Corps, U. S. N. R. He was graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine last Thursday.

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